## PICTURESQUE MEXICO III.—The Silver of Guana-

juato. By Frederic J. Haskin.

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purpose than to act as the clearinghouse of a cluster of silver

Output in World. mines such as found at any other spot on earth. From these mines are said to have been taken, during the years that have intervened since the first Spanish adventurers learned of their fabulous wealth, a billion and a half dollars.
No other silver producing region has approached this sum, and there is a question if any city has produced any sort of mineral wealth to this amount.
The Spanish doubloons and pieces of The Spanish doubloons and pieces of eight that figured as the inspiration in stories of piracy when buccaneering was in its prime were largely made of silver from Guanajuato. When the court of Spain was at the point of its highest development, much of the wealth that maintained it came from three great mines located here and worked for the profit of the crown. These mines kept Spanish, govern-

worked for the profit of the crown. These mines kept Spanish, governmental coffers filled for centuries and are still producing.

It is because the Guanajuato silver mines have been producing for so long that they have chalked up to their account a sum of money that is so vast.

It was in 1548 that the Spaniards found out that the Agrees were taking silver. out that the Aztecs were taking silver from the slopes of these lofty canyons. For 367 years the production has gone steadily forward, has continued through war and peace just as it is continuing unabated during the present series of revolutions. To hauf the silver that has come out of the mines of Guanajua-to it would require a train of freight cars ten miles long.

The stories that are told about Guanajuato of the many fortunes that have been made and the

Yarns of Fiction. in which this money has been wished rival the most fantastic yarns of fiction. A hundred years ago, for instance, two miles in the La Luz district were yielding 4,000,000 ounces of silver every year. A poor prospector Zambrano developed a claim, and frantically attempted to spend money as fast as it came in, frequenting the capitals of Europe in the process, yet died with \$60,-000,000. One of these men sent the king \$2,000,000 as a Christmas present, and asked permission to build a gallery of solid silver around his Guanajuato house, which request was denied him. The mine owners at one time had to be prohibited by the authorities from scattering silver coin in the streets of the city, as they were pauperizing too large a percentage of the community.

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There is today a Mexican who owns one of these mines, across the entrance of which he has built great steel doors. He does not operate it regularly, but merely opens it up when he is in need of money, and sends in workmen to replenish his coffers. Pedro Alvarado, an Indian, and once a peon, is today one of the wealthiest men in the world, and through a sitver mine he discovered in this district. He has built fifty churches and a hundred schools. At one time he district. He has built fifty churches and a hundred schools. At one time he district of the some years ago, attracted a good deal of attention by volunteering to pay the national debt of Mexico. When the figures were presented, however, he found that even he was unequal to them.

These floods of silver have mostly come despite crude and unscientific methods. The silver is found largely in the hardest of quartz, and the methods of setting this stone out of the ledges, before the introduction of modern machinery, was unique. When the Spariards came they found that the Indians would build a fire against a wall of this quartz, would get it very hot, and would then throw cold water on it. The brittle quartz would break into pieces, as will a piece of glass under the same circumstances. Great quantities of ore were for centuries taken out in this way.

The patio method of extracting the silver from this ore was another interesting process em-Patio Method ployed at Guanajuato of Extraction. and is still to be seen, though chiefly replaced by the introduction of the eyanide process. Under this method the ore was reduced to a powder between great rollers. Water was admixed with it, and the whole conveyed, in the form of a thick mud, into a patio, where it made a lake two feet deep. Mules were driven about in this mud. Quicksilver and blue virriol were added to the mud, and the mules continued the mixing process

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Other methods allowed greater quantities of silver to get away, and Americans and Europeans have of late made great fortunes in working over the tailings of the old mines. There is told the interesting case of some young Americans who found that many of the adobe houses of the natives in a certain part of the town had been built of mud bricks made from these tailings. The Americans bought these houses and made a fortune out of the silver that was in their walls.

Of recent years much foreign capital has been brought into this field, and with it first-class was a time when ore must yield a hundred ounces of silver to the ton els

Modern Methods stamp mills and Now Employed. smelters' have been built. There the Spaniards would not work it, but now low-grade ores may be handled. ain also enslaved great numbers of Indians, and these tolled up endless lad

· Hette RED TOP RYE

ders with sacks of ore on their backs This also has passed. It is still true however, that there are many outlying claims to which no other method of transportation has been extended than burro train, and every day there are many processions of these donkeys coming into town with rich ore to be refined at the mills. These procession but complete the picture of this quaint city, which is so precipitous that there are few streets that will accommodate a wagon. Most of its thoroughfares are passable only for pedestrians and these sure-footed little beasts of bur-

these sure-footed little heasts of ourver that can compare with that which has come out of Guanajuato. No city in all America can today boast the possessions of as many mummes. In addition to which, it throws down the guuntlet to any rival on the western hemisphere which aspires to an atmosphere, a color scheme, which will transport the beholder to the Holy Land, and cause him to believe that his gazing upon the scenes of biblical history.

All of these circumstances and others lend to this mid-Mexican city a fascination that is equaled by few American rivals. This treasure vault of the ages is situated in the very center of all Mexico. Two-thirds of the way from El Paso to Mexico City, it is splitched into a steep canyon at an elevation of 7,000 feet. Fantastically its crambles up the precipitous sides of a canyon, attempting to find abiding places for its 40,000 souls upon these treeless but cactus-studded slopes. With temperaments that are instinctively artistic the builders of the town have followed and accentuated the natural tints of the building stone hereabout, and every house works into a scheme of most delicate tintings of pale blue, cream and pink. So unusual is this effect, and so readily may it be seen because of the precipitous topography, that all beholders are instantly impressed.

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returned and butchered men, women and children by the thousands.

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The sight of blood prompted bystanders to offer relief and a passing automobilist volunteered to take the injured man to Emergency Hospital. Bicycle policemen, not knowing an emergency run was being made, tried to overtake the speeding automobile and succeeded only after the hospital was reached.

Physicians found that Mr. Shafer had not been seriously hurt. His wounds

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sessed.
So it happens that the vaults of the dead are often opened. If bones are found within they are cast into a great heap of their kind beneath the pavement. But there is something peculiar in the soil or the high, dry air of the region that causes many of the dead to mummify instead of decay. When these tenants, whose forms are still intact, are to be dispossessed, more consideration is shown. Instead of being cast into the bone pile, their stark forms are stood up

### FALLS AND INJURES HEAD.

John B. Shafer, 79, Receives Treatment in Emergency Hospital.

John B. Shafer, seventy-nine years old, of 4929 Galt place northeast, fell on the pavement at Pennsylvania avenue and 7th street northwest yester-

to be found great subterranean cor-ridors, and here, when he dies, is ridors, and here, when he dies, is home later in the day.

Says Present Conflict Is Forerunner of Many if Capitalism Is Not Controlled.

That the European conflict, instead of being the last great war, may be regarded as the forerunner of many great struggles unless capitalism is controlled, was predicted by Emil Seidel, former socialist mayor of Milwaukee, Wis., in an address last night before the socialist party of the District at Pythian Temple. Mr. Seidel drew a pessimistic picture

of labor conditions and attributed the war that is costing thousands of lives abroad to the efforts of the trusts to gain control of the international He severely arraigned the Wilson ad-

ministration for its failure to break with capitalism and charged it with being "afraid of big business." The administration, he declared, is not capable of meeting the situation that con-

Mr. Seidel insisted that present business depression in this country is similar to the great panics of the past despite the claim of the administration and not really justified by conditions.

Remedial Measures Urged. The speaker urged a number of rem-

edial measures, among them the establishment of free employment bureaus all over the United States, the forma-

tion of market bureaus to regulate the

labor market and the direct employment of labor by municipalities instead of through contractors. He declared that cities and states can ald greatly in improving conditions by employing their own labor on improvement projects which they are authorized to undertake.

The only hope of the laboring man is to organize and gain possession of the means of production, Mr. Seidel said. At the conclusion of his address the speaker was asked a number of questions by persons in the audience, a number of whom signified their intention of affiliating with the socialist party.

## VESSEL IN DISTRESS AT SEA.

Five Men Row 450 Miles to Sum

five men of the crew, who rowed 450 miles to shore in a small boat, the ment returned by the grand jury to coast guard cutter McCulloch has started to search the Pacific for the steam with broken propeller shaft, is drifting in any direction, it is stated, and the There is shortage of provision and of water aboard, according to the mem-bers of the crew who landed at San Diego, Cal., after an exhaustive journey over the open sea. They report the plight of vessel and crew is extreme. The Clark was on her way from Hilo, Hawaii, to San Francisco. She is of

Russian Attache Sees President.

300 tons displacement and was built in

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Carter and Fannie Hill, Colored.
Other Indictments.

Ralph A. Carter, eighteen years old, was indicted today for manslaughter in causing the death of Frank M. Mann September 3 last. The boy and the deceased were employed at a garage at 15th street and Ohio avenue, and the accused, it is claimed, struck Mann with a pair of shears, inflicting a wound which resulted in death. It was claimed the men were teasing the boy. Fannie Hill, colored, was also charged with manslaughter in an indicted cases of the colored, was also charged with manslaughter in an indicted cases.

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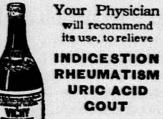
woman bled to death. The tragedy oc-

U. S. Rifles Go to Clubs.

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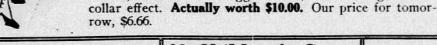
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